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The Senatorial Situation.

The outcome of the contest for United States Senator is in doubt, although there is no candidate against Senator Dryden. The situation is about as follows: The Republicans will have fifteen Senators and twenty-nine Assemblymen in the Legislature or a total of forty-four of the eighty-one votes in joint meeting. It is claimed that he has pledges of the support of between thirty-five and forty of these. Senator Colby and Assemblyman Fiske of Bergen have openly declared that they will not vote for Mr. Dryden. Senator Ackerman and Assemblymen Perkins and Tillman of Union county, have expressed a preference for Governor Stokes. It is also said that six members of the Legislature have agreed to bolt the caucus if Senator Dryden is chosen as the nominee of the majority. This may well be doubted, although it is possible that four members may refuse to be bound by the caucus. Senator Dryden is in the lead to-day, but the final result is uncertain.

Water Mains.

The Town Council will receive bids for water main extension work Monday night. The streets in which it is proposed to lay water mains are Olive street, from East Orange line to Hinrichs place; Elm street, from Bloomfield avenue to Delaware avenue; Race street, from Franklin to West street; Orange street, from Watering avenue to Moller place; Belmont avenue, from Myrtle avenue, from Bay avenue north; Warren street, from Essex avenue to Broad street; John street, from Montgomery avenue to Morton street; Broad street, from Watchung avenue north, a total of 15,870 feet.

Cost of Water.

In the report of the water committee, at the meeting of the East Orange City Council Monday night, it was shown that the average daily per capita consumption is eighty-eight gallons, and the water cost \$93 per million gallons. The cost figure given includes the operating expenses of the water department. This town pays \$65 per million gallons for water, and to that sum must be added the expense of distribution to ascertain the actual cost, but even with a liberal allowance for operating expenses the cost of water here is considerably less than the East Orange figure.

Right of Way Granted.

At a meeting of the Belleville Township Committee last week Herbert C. Farrand, chairman of the sewer committee of the Town Council, and Ernest Baehlin, town engineer, explained that this town is constructing a sewer through Willet street, which separates the two municipalities, and that part of it will take in about one hundred feet of Belleville property. They offered to extend the privilege to the Belleville property owners on that street without any assessment. The right of way for the sewer was granted.

Erle's Freight Business.

The freight traffic on the Orange branch of the Erie is growing rapidly. The railroad sent a petition to the East Orange City Council requesting that permission be given to build additional tracks at grade at Kearny and North Park streets. The contemplated station is to be erected within the confines of Sheridan, Thomas and Kearny streets, and provision will be made for the loading of fifty-five cars at one time. The request went to the railroad committee, of which Councilman Lee is chairman.

The Water Report.

Copies of the auditors report on the financial condition of the water department have been supplied to the members of the Council. Some features of the report in the way of recommendations and the estimates for water used for public purposes are matters over which there is a difference of opinion and will be likely to cause discussion of the document.

Is This a Joke?

It is rumored that there is a raffish in town, a gardener is missing. Should the robber's conscience smite her please send the missing article to Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. George C. Curtis.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Now I saw in my dream that by this time the Pilgrims were got over the Enchanted Ground and entering into the country of Beulah whose air was very sweet and pleasant, the way lying directly through it, they sojourned themselves there for a season. Here they were in sight of the city they were going to, because it was on the borders of Heaven."

For the past five years a beloved saint of God has been passing through her Beulah land here in the First Church manse and the many friends who have had glimpses within its borders will always count it as among their greatest privileges.

When a woman has lived over four score years and from delicate health and increasing infirmity her sphere of influence becomes restricted we are apt to think of her as living in the past with all her years of usefulness behind her, but no such thought will ever come to us in our memory of Mrs. Curtis. The wonder was that so small and fragile a body could contain such a large, enthusiastic and youthful soul. All who visited the manse will long remember her cordial welcome, her intense interest in all subjects and her eagerness to keep in touch with all that was going on around her. Much may be said by her old friends of the long years of busy, active usefulness, first as a daughter of the home, then a teacher, and later as a busy minister's wife and faithful mother, but it seems fitting that some mention should be made of the last quiet shut-in years spent in our town. Even before Mrs. Curtis took up her residence here she had made many warm friends during her brief visits to the manse, and old and young alike had a share in her interest and love. These friendships have continued and deepened through each succeeding year and many others have been added to their number.

There was a great deal of the child in her nature, which gave her a sympathy and a touch with children that never diminished.

During a time of special interest in the church she was present at a prayer service held in the place of the Sunday-school session. At its close she stood near the door, and as one little boy of nine years, a stranger to her at that time, passed out she laid her hand on his shoulder, saying, "Do you not want to take Jesus for your Master—are you not coming into the church?" He went home and asked to be allowed to do so; saying, when his parents hesitated on account of his youth, "Mrs. Curtis thought I was old enough." A few months later when he was received into the church no one rejoiced more heartily than she did.

This is only one of many instances that could be mentioned of her constant and vital interest in the people among whom she lived. Her gracious courtesy to all who came to the manse, no matter on what errand, was unfeigned, and her desire to share not only in the interests, but in the church was remarkable. She always studied the church calendar, and though able to attend but few of the church services, she always knew when the various meetings were held, and her first words to any one who dropped in afterwards were sure to be, "Did you have a good meeting—were there many there?"

Perhaps one of her most beautiful characteristics was her intense gratitude for any kindness shown her, so that to do anything for her was a pleasure indeed. In a recent letter she wrote: "I have a great deal of enjoyment in my wakeful nights in thinking of all the kindness I am constantly receiving." And it was her greatest joy to do little acts of kindness herself. Many a beautiful flower and pretty card found its way from her to the bedside of some sick one and her yearly box of gifts, many of them her own handiwork, for the Whittier School of Hampton, Va., was a conspicuous instance of her loving thought for others.

Her knowledge and love of flowers was most unusual. In speaking of some flowers brought to her in the summer a few years ago she wrote: "There were two large pitchers full, besides others more delicate by themselves when I assorted them for the night. The next morning I spent almost entirely in examining them and added twelve flowers to those I can say I know."

Her last outing was a walk around her own garden examining the ravages caused by the frost.

After a life of active service we can readily imagine the trial it must have been to her to be so limited in her ability to serve, but no one ever heard a murmur. Her faith in her Heavenly Father was unshaken and she accepted her lot as from a Father's hand.

No better closing of this very imperfect little tribute could be found than an abstract from one of her own letters, which is so true of herself: "The work at home is always of the first importance to the wife and mother. Of all the attributes of Solomon's virtuous woman I love the best that of Proverbs 31: 25: 'Her children rise up and call her blessed.'"

F. C. M.

Killed by a Deer.

Herbert Bradley, a retired New York business man, was gored to death by a deer on his twenty-five acre farm on Eagle Rock road, Montclair, on Friday of last week. He owned a herd of deer and went to inspect them, when he was unexpectedly attacked by one of them and bled to death from wounds inflicted by the horns of the animal. The deer was subsequently shot.

Political Iconoclasm.

The zeal of the independent voters for the success of the independent citizens' ticket in the Eleventh ward of Newark lost to the Republicans the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and placed the control of the county government in the hands of the Democrats. The Eleventh ward episode is one of the unfortunate results that follow a wild plunge into politics without the aid of the wise and conservative experience of a party organization. Republicans throughout the county are much chagrined over the loss of the Board of Freeholders, and particularly over the manner in which control of the county government was lost. A complete upset in county affairs is likely to follow.

Excessive zeal is apt to run along narrow lines and confine itself to a limited sphere of action. In the November election, national, State, county and municipal issues were involved. In the Eleventh ward only two phases of the election were apparent to the independent voters, namely, the state and city issues. The Board of Freeholders was overlooked by the independents, and the neglect has proved fatal to Republican supremacy in the county government.

The independents have had a good swing and can now look with satisfaction and glee over the effects of their revolt against the Republican party organization in Essex county. The county delegation in the State Legislature is Democratic, the Board of Freeholders is Democratic, and Major Carl Lentz is no longer chairman of the Republican organization. The independents can say, "We did it."

Library Notes.

One of Prof. Dill's two volumes on "Roman Society" covers the period from Nero to Marcus Aurelius, a time pregnant with momentous issues. The luxurious civilization of the age with its civic splendor, the strivings after reform and a higher spiritual life; the influence of philosophy and its failure to cure the spiritual distresses of the age; the trial of Eastern religions and their failure—in short, a history of the inner moral life of the times is presented in an interesting manner by one who is both a learned scholar and a graceful writer.

A valuable addition to scientific literature is "The Management of Accumulators," a practical handbook by Sir David Solomons. It presents to the reader a general survey of the practice of electric lighting and management of accumulators, with such recommendations as are likely to assist him in obtaining successful results.

Admirers of "The Little Corporal" will enjoy Conan Doyle's "Uncle Bernac," a good, rousing tale, which, however, is merely a setting for an admirable picture of Napoleon and some of his famous generals.

How one who was spinning the shadow came to be a "Spinner in the Sun," is told by Myrtle Reed with exquisite delicacy. Like her other books, this tale, in its garb of pale lavender, gold and white, seems to exhale an aroma of rose leaves and lavender, and old-fashioned herbs which must needs be crushed and bruised in order to become messengers of healing.

"Guide to the Ring of the Nibelung" by Richard Aldrich. For general use as an aid to the study of Wagner's great tetralogy, nothing is better, as it gives a complete analysis of this great work.

Tenth Anniversary.

James T. Boyd Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., celebrated its tenth anniversary in Central Hall Wednesday night with an entertainment that brought together a large number of members from all parts of Essex county. John R. Lee presided and presented State Councilor Frank Sharp of Irvington as the first speaker. He was followed by W. W. Dieckman, past councilor of Peter Cooper Council of Newark and the organizer of James T. Boyd Council. A history of the council was given by John A. Brown. There were also a piano solo by Mrs. George E. Baldwin and a soprano solo by Mrs. C. W. Sherwood. The entertainment concluded with a stereopticon lecture by Charles F. Kocher. Sheriff Frank Sommer was expected to speak, but he was detained by illness. After the entertainment refreshments were served. The committee in charge of the celebration was composed of Frederick K. Gals, Smiley E. Rumph, Irwin Ellor, Odrie Johnson, George Riesler and Joseph Charles.

Bowling Score.

James T. Boyd Council's bowling team exhibited fast form in all three contests with Unity five and captured two out of the three games Wednesday night. The Boyds had a walkover in the first two contests, winning by margins of 125 and 145 pins. The Unity bowlers made a great sprint in the final game, rolling up a total of 931 pins to Boyd's 854. The score:

J. J. Lee	170	144	100	Hollenbeck	200	180	27
Witcher	122	146	225	Roderick	181	173	244
Sherman	148	180	172	Ashby	273	189	145
Deen	135	111	174	Farr	183	173	158
J. F. Lane	115	180	124	Lenthart	133	201	133
Total	755	721	921	Total	440	586	564

A Costly Job.

Frederic W. Gibbs on July 1, 1906, entered into a contract with the town of Montclair for the removal of garbage and ashes for the sum of \$5,000 per annum. At the meeting of the Montclair Council Monday night Mr. Gibbs asked to be released from his contract, as he was losing money at the rate of \$500 per month in carrying it out. Judging by the experience of the Montclair contractor the garbage removal problem is an expensive one.

Foot-Ball.

Owing to a misunderstanding, the foot-ball game between the Bloomfield High School team and the Batlin High School eleven at Elm-beth, which was to have taken place Wednesday afternoon, was called off.

The Batlin High boys were on hand before 3 o'clock, but the manager of the Bloomfield team, thinking the game was to have been played next Thursday, did not put in an appearance until after 4 o'clock, when word was sent to him that Batlin High was on hand. The Bloomfield manager said it was impossible to get his team ready at that time. Both managers decided to play the game at Elizabeth on a later date.

Collision at the Centre.

There was a collision about 9 o'clock last Saturday night at the Centre between a Bloomfield avenue trolley car and a milk wagon belonging to Joseph A. Noll of Arlington avenue, when three men were more or less severely injured. The injured men were Arthur Flannery of Walnut street, right leg fractured and cut on the head; Anthony Noll, son of the owner of the wagon, cut on hands and arms, and Henry Stouffer of Willow street, bruised. The men had just delivered some milk at a restaurant at the Centre and were driving across the tracks when the car hit the wagon. The vehicle was demolished.

Glen Ridge Burglary.

Thieves entered the home of Ernest E. Slocum of 79 Lincoln street, Glen Ridge, early Wednesday morning and carried off some plated ware, consisting of knives, forks and spoons. They also took a carving set and some gold cuff buttons. Mr. Slocum, who is a real estate dealer in New York, with his family, were away at the time. Entrance was effected through a dining-room window and a jimmy was used for the purpose.

Fair of Seasons.

A "Fair of Seasons" will be held in the chapel of the Watessing M. E. Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week. There will be the usual church fair variety of articles for sale, and some special features in the line of entertainment and refreshments. Wednesday night an oyster supper will be served, Thursday night a husking-bee supper, and Friday night a New England supper.

Want Cemetery Franchise.

The Glen Ridge Cemetery Association petitioned the Belleville Township Committee last week for a franchise to operate a cemetery within the township limits in Jerolomon street. Township Counsel Miller has the matter under consideration and the township clerk was instructed to get the assessed value of the property. It is probable the franchise will be granted.

Tableaux Vivant.

Among those who will take part in the tableaux vivant to be given under the auspices of the Home-Society of Montclair and vicinity at the Montclair Club Hall, Friday evening, November 30, are: Miss Esther Schoolmasher, Miss Margaret Studer, Miss Isabella Batten, Miss May Bradley, Miss Florence Van Vleet, Miss Florence Hawes, Miss Carlo Surburg, Miss Eleanor Sawyer, Miss Esther Bostwick, Miss Armitage, Miss Edith Campbell, Miss Evelyn Orlikshank, Miss Ames, Miss Susie Sawyer, Mrs. W. I. L. Adams, Mrs. Post and Mrs. F. H. Siegfried. The patronesses are:

Mrs. C. T. Adams, Mrs. W. I. L. Adams, Mrs. Morgan Ayres, Mrs. R. G. Burgess, Mrs. Edward Bradley, Mrs. George Batten, Mrs. Charles Barry, Mrs. A. T. Campbell, Mrs. D. F. Crulshank, Mrs. Arthur Churchill, Mrs. C. T. Churchill, Mrs. Charles F. Dronke, Mrs. Wm. D. Dickson, Mrs. Frank Dyer, Mrs. John R. Baves, Mrs. W. R. Gregory, Mrs. Joseph Hellen, Mrs. J. Platt, Mrs. Deatur M. Sawyer, Mrs. Seth Marshall, Mrs. J. Surburg, Mrs. J. K. Stephens, Mrs. F. Merion Wheeler of Montclair, and Mrs. F. W. Williams of Glen Ridge.

The entertainment will consist of two series, "Idylls of the King" and "Famous Queens," and will be arranged and posed by Miss Elizabeth Fleher, whose extensive experience and study of art and costume combine to make her picture remarkably interesting.

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